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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG ETRN SF

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FUEL SHORTAGE

REFERENCE: PRETORIA 4421

1. AMB BOTHA CALLED ON DEPT DEC 5 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A CONTINUED ASSURED FUEL SUPPLY FOR SAA. AMB BOTHA POINTED OUT THAT SAA PROVIDES THE ONLY REASONABLY DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE US AND SOUTH AFRICA AND THEREFORE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THEIR CONTINUANCE. FURTHERMORE SINCE THE TWO ROUTES ONLY HAD WEEKLY FLIGHTS, IT WOULD BE HIGHLY IMPRACTICAL TO CUT THEIR SCHEDULES. FOR ITS PART THE SAG WOULD DO ITS PART IN SEEING THAT PAA OBTAINED ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN END OF ITS RUN. (BOTHA DID NOT MENTION SAA HAD DROPPED RIO-NEW YORK LEG OF ONE FLIGHT AS REPORTED REFTEL.)

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2. AMB BOTHA WAS GIVEN A REVIEW OF THE FAST TIGHTENING

AVIATION FUEL SUPPLY SITUATION IN THE US. INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES HAD BEEN LARGELY USING BONDED FUEL SUPPLIES FROM CARRIBEAN REFINERIES WHICH UNTIL RECENTLY HAD RECEIVED CRUDE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST. BOTHAS WAS ALSO TOLD THAT WE NOW HAVE TO MEET OUR WORLD WIDE MILITARY FUEL REQUIREMENTS FROM DOMESTIC SOURCES. HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE USG IS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING POLICIES AND AGENCIES TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM. SAA AND OTHER FOREIGN AIRLINES WILL

RECEIVE EQUITABLE TREATMENT, BUT WE COULD NOT PROMISE THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FUEL TO PERMIT OPERATIONS AT CONSISTENT LEVELS. KISSINGER

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